Lock-out at business India Television International Ltd.

†*429. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Business India Television International Ltd. of Business India group has been locked-out by its owners and salaries of its employees are outstanding for several months; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far to end its lock-out and to pay the outstanding salaries of its employees?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Business India Group Employees Union, Delhi, had informed the Labour Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that the managements of M/s Business India Television International Limited, 268, Masjid Moth, Uday Park, Masjid Moth, New Delhi and M/s Business India Directories, 268, Masjid Moth, Uday Park, Masjid Moth, New Delhi had resorted to lock-out in their establishments w.e.f. 14th February, 2000. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also informed that the claim for payment of salaries for the period January, 97 to March, 99 in rspect of 260 employees is pending for adjudication in the Labour Court, Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi has further informed that the dispute regarding wages w.e.f. 14.2.2000 (Date of lock-out) has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal. Further in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 3 of Section 10 of the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, the continuance of lock-out was prohibited w.e.f. 14th March, 2000 by the Government of NCT of Delhi.

Development of agricultural sector in Rajasthan

*430. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated and implemented any Central Scheme for promotion and development of agricultural sector in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken under the new agricultural policy to give some incentives to small and marginal farmers of the State; and

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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